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NEW MEXICO ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION

NEW MEXICO: Winter Wheat production is estimated at 3.74 million bushels, 54 percent below 2001. Although planted acreage increased over last year, drought conditions lowered the acreage harvested to 170,000 acres and reduced the average yield to 22 bushels per acre. Sorghum for Grain production dropped to 2.8 million bushels, less than half of 2001 production. Again, harvested acreage at 80,000 acres was affected by the drought as was yield at 35 bushels per acre. Corn for Grain harvested acreage increased by 3,000 acres due to an increase in planted acreage. Yields remained steady at 180 bushels per acre producing 8.82 million bushels. Corn for Silage harvested acreage held at 82,000 acres but with an increase in average yield to 25 tons to the acre, production increased to 2.05 million tons. Alfalfa hay benefitted from a long harvest season as warm spring weather arrived early and freezing temperatures arrived late in the fall. The long season allowed for extra cuttings, leading to a state record average yield of 5.6 tons per acre. Other hay harvested acreage increased to 120,000 acres, but with a lower average yield of 1.9 tons per acre. Upland Cotton harvested acreage dropped to 50,000 acres, but a record average yield was set at 960 lbs per acre. American-Pima Cotton acreage increased for the second year in a row to 7,100 acres in 2002, and production was estimated at 14,000 bales. Potato production increased slightly to 2.34 million cwt, 6.3 percent above 2001. Peanut acreage decreased to 18,000 in 2002, influenced by program changes in the new Farm Bill. Production dropped to 54 million pounds, 19 percent below 2001.

Acreage, Yield and Production, Major Crops, New Mexico 2001-2002

Crop	Unit	Area Planted ^{1/}		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
		2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
		-----1,000 Acres-----				-----Units-----		-----1,000 Units--	
Corn for Grain	Bu	130	135	46	49	180.0	180.0	8,280	8,820
Corn for Silage	Ton	---	---	82	82	23.0	25.0	1,886	2,050
Sorghum for Grain	Bu	170	170	140	80	45.0	35.0	6,300	2,800
Sorghum for Silage	Ton	---	---	8	7	22.0	22.0	176	154
Winter Wheat	Bu	500	520	240	170	34.0	22.0	8,160	3,740
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	---	---	270	260	5.00	5.60	1,350	1,456
Other Hay	Ton	---	---	110	120	2.20	1.90	242	228
Upland Cotton ^{2/}	Bal	68.0	54.0	65.0	50.0	916	960	124.0	100.0
A-P Cotton ^{2/}	Bal	5.2	7.1	5.2	7.1	969	946	10.5	14.0
Peanuts ^{3/}	Lb	22.2	18.0	22.2	18.0	3,020	3,000	67,044	54,000
Potatoes	Cwt	6.4	6.5	6.4	6.3	343	371	2,198	2,336
Total Above Crops ^{4/}		1,281.8	1,290.6	994.8	849.4	---	---	---	---

^{1/} Area planted for all purposes. ^{2/} Production in bales (480 lb net wt). Yield in pounds. ^{3/} Estimates comprised of quota and non-quota peanuts. ^{4/} Planted total includes harvested acreage for hay crops.

GRAIN STOCKS

Corn stocks in all positions on December 1, 2002 totaled 7.63 billion bushels, down 8 percent from December 1, 2001. Of the total stocks, 4.80 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 9 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 2.83 billion bushels, are down 5 percent from the previous year. The September - November 2002 indicated disappearance is 2.97 billion bushels, compared with 3.14 billion bushels during the same period last year.

All wheat stored in all positions on December 1, 2002 totaled 1.32 billion bushels, down 19 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 385 million bushels, down 26 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 936 million bushels, are down 15 percent from a year ago. The indicated September - November 2002 disappearance is 430 million bushels, down 19 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Grain sorghum stored in all positions on December 1, 2002 totaled 230 million bushels, down 27 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 51.6 million bushels, are down 29 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 178 million bushels, are down 26 percent from December 1, 2001. The September - November 2002 indicated disappearance from all positions is 201 million bushels, down 17 percent from the same period a year earlier.

U.S. Grain Stocks, By Position and Month 2001-2002

Date	2001			2002		
	On Farms	Off Farms ^{1/}	Total All Positions	On Farms	Off Farms ^{1/}	Total All Positions
	-----1,000 Bushels-----					
	CORN					
Mar 1	3,600,000	2,442,999	6,042,999	3,355,000	2,440,263	5,795,263
Jun 1	2,230,800	1,693,158	3,923,958	2,020,600	1,576,290	3,596,890
Sep 1	753,150	1,145,958	1,899,108	586,800	1,009,626	1,596,426
Dec 1	5,275,000	2,989,715	8,264,715	4,800,000	2,833,427	7,633,427
	SORGHUM					
Mar 1	40,100	127,027	167,127	38,100	156,007	194,107
Jun 1	19,000	57,411	76,411	17,300	88,178	105,478
Sep 1	8,900	32,851	41,751	7,400	53,573	60,973
Dec 1	72,400	241,477	313,877	51,600	178,000	229,600
	ALL WHEAT					
Mar 1	384,750	953,648	1,338,398	338,500	871,268	1,209,768
Jun 1	197,270	678,912	876,182	216,830	560,282	777,112
Sep 1	696,850	1,458,964	2,155,814	580,200	1,170,787	1,750,987
Dec 1	517,890	1,105,565	1,623,455	384,800	936,199	1,320,999

^{1/} Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors.

WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS - 2002 CROP

Winter wheat seeded area for 2003 is expected to total 44.2 million acres, up 6 percent from 2002. This is the largest area area seeded since 1998.

Winter Wheat: Area Seeded, Selected States, and U.S., 2001-2003

State	Area Seeded			
	2001	2002	2003	2002/2003
	-----1,000 Acres-----			----Percent----
CO	2,350	2,350	2,600	111
KS	9,800	9,600	10,300	107
MT	1,300	1,450	1,750	121
NE	1,750	1,650	1,700	103
NM	500	520	480	92
OK	5,600	6,000	6,500	108
SD	1,300	1,300	1,500	115
TX	5,600	6,400	6,600	103
WA	1,850	1,800	1,850	103
Other States	11,028	10,665	10,966	103
U.S.	41,078	41,735	44,246	106

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WEATHER SUMMARY

It was a very warm week in New Mexico for January, with temperatures averaging 6 degrees above normal for the state. Johnson Ranch was 13 degrees above normal, while Quemado was 10. Precipitation was spotty and light from a few minor disturbances that crossed the state. Red River (.36") was the only spot that measured over one quarter inch of moisture. No data from Santa Fe. Roy and Silver City incomplete.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS JANUARY 6-12, 2003

Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	01/06 01/12	01/01 01/12	Normal Jan	01/01 01/12	Normal Jan-Jan
Carlsbad	47.1	70	26	T	0.00	0.35	0.00	0.35
Hobbs	40.7	67	22	0.00	0.00	0.39	0.00	0.39
Roswell	43.9	63	25	0.05	0.05	0.43	0.05	0.43
Clayton	38.8	70	20	T	0.00	0.24	0.00	0.24
Clovis	41.5	68	22	0.00	0.00	0.39	0.00	0.39
Roy	38.8	64	22	0.00	0.00	0.34	0.00	0.34
Tucumcari	40.2	72	19	T	0.00	0.28	0.00	0.28
Chama	29.6	53	9	0.10	0.10	1.77	0.12	1.77
Johnson Ranch	37.3	56	21	0.00	0.00	0.67	0.00	0.67
Capulin	33.5	59	17	T	0.30	0.40	0.30	0.40
Las Vegas	36.4	66	17	0.00	0.00	0.32	0.00	0.32
Los Alamos	35.9	48	25	0.01	0.01	0.86	0.01	0.86
Raton	34.6	63	14	0.02	0.02	0.47	0.02	0.47
Santa Fe	---	---	---	0.00	0.00	0.63	0.00	0.63
Red River	28.2	50	8	0.36	0.57	1.07	0.57	1.07
Farmington	38.0	54	24	0.12	0.12	0.59	0.12	0.59
Gallup	37.0	52	21	0.01	0.01	0.80	0.01	0.80
Grants	36.4	55	20	0.00	0.00	0.49	0.00	0.49
Silver City	41.1	56	27	0.10	0.10	1.16	0.10	1.16
Quemado	38.4	54	22	0.00	0.00	0.83	0.00	0.83
Albuquerque	41.8	56	28	T	0.00	0.44	0.00	0.44
Carrizozo	34.0	54	8	0.22	0.22	0.60	0.22	0.60
Gran Quivera	39.3	57	20	0.00	0.00	0.70	0.00	0.70
Moriarty	36.2	60	16	0.00	0.00	0.43	0.00	0.43
Ruidoso	38.4	55	19	0.14	0.14	1.12	0.14	1.12
Socorro	40.7	63	20	0.00	0.00	0.39	0.00	0.39
Alamogordo	47.8	64	30	0.00	0.00	0.67	0.00	0.67
Animas	48.2	64	30	0.02	0.02	0.68	0.02	0.68
Deming	46.8	62	24	0.01	0.01	0.56	0.01	0.56
T or C	45.5	64	29	T	0.00	0.46	0.00	0.46
Las Cruces	47.6	66	28	0.00	0.00	0.46	0.03	0.46

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction

All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official observation forms.